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Canada's Challenge

In Flanders Fields

By LIEUT.-COL. JOHN D. McCRAE*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, tho' poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

* Written during the second battle of Ypres, April, 1915. The author, Dr. John D. McCrae, of Montreal, Canada, was killed on duty in Flanders, January 28, 1918.